

House Resolution No. 13

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a leader of his community; and

Whereas, Bill Rupp was recently profiled in the St. Charles County Post as one of a few select individuals who made a difference in St. Charles, Lincoln, and Warren counties in 2003; and

Whereas, a member of VFW Post 10838 in St. Peters and U.S. Marine Corps League 725 in St. Charles, Bill Rupp was instrumental in the development of the veterans memorial located outside St. Peters City Hall; and

Whereas, Bill Rupp dutifully served his country in the United States Marine Corps and made lasting friendships with his fellow soldiers, all of whom he hoped to honor with a lasting tribute that has become the St. Peters Veterans Memorial; and

Whereas, the Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Commission, Bill Rupp is the driving force behind all five annual ceremonies in St. Peters honoring veterans which include those held on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Veterans Day, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, and a ceremony remembering those still missing in action in Vietnam; and

Whereas, following a \$210,00 addition in 2003, the St. Peters Veterans Memorial now includes fountains, reflecting pools, granite benches, flags, and six bronze rifles that stick into the ground and represent fallen soldiers; and

Whereas, next year, Bill Rupp looks forward to working on a Korean War memorial to be located on land outside the St. Peters Police Department; and

Whereas, a former sales manager for a lawn and garden distributor, Bill Rupp has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, June; his five children; his sixteen grandchildren; and one great-grandchild:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bill Rupp at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Bill Rupp.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Smith
District No. 14

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 13, adopted January 8, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker